

# Interview Summary

Application No.  
09/397,018

Applicant(s)  
Williams

Examiner  
Michael Colaianne

Group Art Unit  
1731



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Michael Colaianne

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Paul Rivard

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview Sep 7, 2000

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☒ was reached. ☐ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 54, 56, 57, 63, 65, 66, 70, 72, 73, 79, 81, and 82

Identification of prior art discussed:

NONE

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Examiner Colaianne called Mr. Rivard and explained that the above claims were indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd Paragraph because the nitrosamine level was compared with the nitrosamine level found in cured brown tobacco from the same crop. This language is deemed indefinite because it is impossible to determine amount of nitrosamine level would satisfy the claim. Mr. Rivard agreed to discuss the matter with Mr. Williams, the inventor, and get back to me. Mr. Rivard intimated that these claims and claims dependent upon these claims may be cancelled, but Mr. Rivard would first have to consult with Mr. Williams.

Mr. Rivard subsequently filed a supplemental amendment cancelling the above claims and claims dependent on the above claims on September 7, 2000.

*Mike  
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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.